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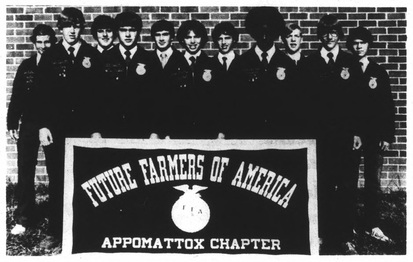
NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION BY FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FEBRUARY 17-24, 1979 DURING THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



ACHS SENIOR FFA OFFICERS

THE 1978-79 SENIOR FFA CHAPTER OFFICERS ARE (l to r): Roger Walton-Exec. Comm, Dale Garrett-Secretary, R. L. Cordell, Exec. Comm. Chm., Phil Paulette-2nd V.P., Ralph Totty-Sentinel, David Stratton-President, Dennis Stratton-Chaplin, Chris Johnson-1st V.P., Richard Jones- Reporter, Mark Paulette-Treasurer, Randy Franklin-Exec. Comm. Not pictured: John Elder-Historian, Robert Coleman and Rhonda McCormick-Exec. Committee Members.

AMS JUNIOR FFA OFFICERS

THE 1979 JUNIOR CHAPTER OFFICERS ARE (l. to r.): Susan Eye- President, Kevin Mitchell - 1st Vice President, Cindy Covington - Secretary, Derwin Harvey- Chm. Exec. Comm, Jay Stewart - Ex. Comm., Sharon Davis - Exec. Comm., Blair Smith-Chaplin, Dale Schrock - Treasurer, Dean Jamerson - Ex. Comm., Richard Conner-Sentinel, James Beaty-Reporter, Jeff Miller - Historian, Tim Bennett-2nd Vice President.

Congratulations to our local FFA members . . .

You'll be leaders for tomorrow's agriculture.

The Senior FFA participates in many activities to benefit the community. Our current major project is developing a nature trail and outdoor classroom on the school land lab. Students shown above are working on the final touches for the outdoor classroom.

A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FFA at 50

A 50-Year Success Story

Agriculture's Youth In Action

One of the best examples of youth in action on the American scene today is the FFA, the national organization for students studying vocational agriculture in the public high schools. It is an organization run by the student-members under adult guidance.

Currently the FFA is celebrating its Golden Anniversary.

Soon after vocational agriculture became a subject in many of the nation's high schools in 1917, instructors became aware of the need to provide practical training beyond the traditional classroom approach. Their idea was to make the instruction more interesting by making practical work experience, competitive livestock judging, and agricultural leadership development activities part of the instruction. Vocational agriculture instructors an students eagerly accepted the learn by doing principle.

The FFA was founded nationally in 1928 after similar organizations had started in several states. Right from the beginning, the FFA has stressed leadership, cooperation and citizenship all vital to success in modern agriculture.

Today the FFA has a membership of 500,000 with chapters in approximately 8,000 high schools throughout the nation. The organization has state associations in all states and in Puerto Rico.

Vocational agriculture or agribusiness programs are funded in part by the National Vocational Education Acts through the U.S. Office of Education, state departments of education and the local school systems. The FFA operates under a federal charter granted by an Act of Congress in 1950 (Public Law 740, 81st Congress). The charter provides for a national board of directors and a board of student officers elected from the membership.

FFA activities are specifically designed to be a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture. Members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings, how to speak in public, and how to take a leadership role in their school and community.

Each local chapter and each state association elects its own officers each year. In all cases the teacher of vocational agriculture is the advisor of the local FFA chapter and the state supervisor of agricultural education is the advisor of the state association.

FFA members have full opportunity to practice the principles of democracy in conducting the affairs of their organization by exercising their organization by exercising their privilege to vote at chapter meetings, serve on committees, and otherwise assist in carrying on the work of their organization. Elected delegates to the state and national conventions, held each year, are asked to decide on major issues facing the organization.

Advancement through the degrees in the organization from the Green hand through the Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, and American Farmer or Agribusinessman is based on achievement in farming, ranching, or agribusiness careers.

Nearly 8,000 public high schools have FFA chapters. One of the requirements for membership in FFA is that a student be enrolled in vocational agriculture. Students may retain their membership until they are 21.

Competition is a key element of the FFA from the chapter to the national level. Each year the FFA recognizes more than 80,000 members at local, state and national levels for outstanding achievement in activities related to agriculture career and leadership development.

Funds for awards are provided by more than 800 businesses, organizations, and individuals that sponsor FFA programs through the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The Foundation provides nearly half a million dollars to make the incentive awards available to deserving FFA members in the following award programs: Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman awards, 19 agricultural proficiency awards, public speaking, national chapter awards, national chapter safety, Building Our American Communities Awards, national judging contests, establishment in agriculture awards, and through state initiated programs for improving agricultural leadership.

Recent food shortages in this country have reaffirmed the need for continuing a strong program of vocational agriculture and the FFA. Thus ther is a bright future for trained agriculturists ready to serve America.

LEARNING

Learning by doing is a basic principle behind the vocational agricultural education program. FFA encourages that principle. And gives the student-member a chance for GROWTH.

The Appomattox Junior Chapter actively participate in the Building Our American Community Project. Shown above are students preparing parking bumpers for community cannery parking lot.

a golden past

Learning to do,
Doing to learn,
Earning to live,
Living to serve.

SALUTING FFA DURING NATIONAL FFA WEEK

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

the FFA Organization

Stella Osborne Celebrates Birthday

Stella Osborne, center front, celebrated her 15th birthday Thursday night, February 15, with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were Liz Pierce, Kim Johnson, Kathi Morris, Sandy Morris, Sandy Kitchen, Tom Ryddell, Todd Neathawk, P. W. Kitchen, Mark Wooten, Mary Beth Everly, Robin Branch, Mary Lee Bryant, Dwight Dixen, and in back, Darrell Bryant and Herbie Jones.

Gifts To CROP Hunger Appeal Increase

Hunger Walks, rural canvasses, and 30-hour group fasts in more than 1,500 U.S. communities resulted in more than $5 million to help the world's hungry in 1979, CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service, reported that gifts for the hungry rose by nearly $250,000 in a year when giving to many philanthropic causes was generally reported to be down. Contributions to the CWS Clothing Appeal, administered by CROP, were valued at $4,057,542.

CROP organizes fund raising and educational events on a community-wide ecumenical basis, and offers participants the opportunity to designate their gifts to the hunger/ development agencies of their choice. As December 31, 1978, $842,013 had been shared with other agencies, including Catholic Relief Services, the Mennonite Central Committee, Lutheran World Relief, the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, and CARE.

Over $220,000 from CROP projects was utilized in U.S. communities to support Meals-on-Wheels, community food pantries, and similar local programs assisting the elderly, the handicapped, and other disadvantaged persons.

Because of an exceptionally high frequency of major disasters in 1978, there was an increase in large shipments of food commodities by CWS. Survivors of floods in Costa Rica and drought in northern Gahana, and refugees from civil strife in Nicaragua, Lebanon, and Jamaica were other disaster victims whose needs "stretched CWS's capabilities to the limit," according to Paul McCleary, executive director of Church World Service.

In the opening weeks of 1978, CROP helped coordinate the purchase and shipment of 10,000 metric tons of wheat to Vietnam, the first humanitarian aid shipment to that country from the U. S. since the war. Severe drought, complicated by a rash of other weather calamities, resulted in a drastic shortfall in the country's rice crop, the mainstay of the people's diet. The CWS wheat was used for manufacturing noodles and bread for distribution in orphanages and hospitals.

In addition to the large-scale emergency efforts, ongoing self-help development projects of colleague Christian agencies received over $1,000,000 in CROP-raised resources from CWS in the last quarter of 1978. Such gifts are used to support the development of appropriate technology, improved agriculture and animal husbandry, water resources, and vocational training. In some instances, the help provided took human form, in the persons of technical consultants, agriculturists and other skilled personnel. Altogether, more than 40 countries received development gifts from CROP/CWS.

Domestic use of CROP-raised resources included vegetable seeds for the Lakota Green Corn Garden Project at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and blankets for the use of flood and tornado victims in Arizona and Kentucky.

A pilot project in Constituency Education was launched in four Midwestern states to develop and test model educational programs. The project is an outgrowth of an expended commitment of Church World Service to help raise awareness about the roof causes of hunger and how inhabitants of the "developed" nations can be part of the solutions.

MRS. LAYNE'S 4-H JANUARY MEETING

President Shawn Moore opened the meeting. We stood and said the pledge to the flag and the 4-H pledge. The recreation leaders lead us in some songs and games. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

Miss Marsh said 4-H Camp was August 6-10. We then talked about paying for the bluebird houses.

Miss Marsh played a record as she was going to ask us some questions about it. Then, we had a sheet and we had to write a rhyming poem.

President adjourned the meeting.

Traci Moore,
Reporter

"Central Fidelity Banks" Proposed As Name For New Virginia Holding Company

RICHMOND, VA. ...The board of directors of Commonwealth Banks, Inc. has proposed that the recently formed $1.7 billion Virginia holding company change its name to Central Fidelity Banks, Inc. The present bank holding company was formed at the end of last year as a result of the consolidation of Central National Corporation of Richmond and Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc. of Lynchburg. The proposed renaming is subject to the approval of Commonwealth's stockholders at the organization's annual meeting scheduled in May at the Richmond headquarter.

According to a Commonwealth Banks spokesman, the proposed new corporate name contains elements found in the majority of its affiliate banks' names. "Fidelity" is used currently by seven holding company affiliates, while "Central" appears in three. It was noted that the new identification would not require alteration of the affiliate bank names.

Changing the corporation's name to Central Fidelity Banks, Inc. will facilitate stockholder, investor and customer recognition of the relationship between the parent holding company and its member banks. In addition, it will improve the identification of the relationship of member banks to one another, the spokesman said.

Commonwealth Banks, Inc. is the sixth largest multi-holding company in Virginia and operates fourteen banks with 126 offices and thirteen bank-related affiliates.

KENNETH O'BRIEN PROMOTED

LIMESTONE, Maine - Kenneth O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem H. O'Brien of Rt. 3, Appomattox, has been promoted to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

The airman, a telephone installation and repair specialist at Loring AFB, Maine, serves with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

Airman O'Brien is a 1974 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

Fri., Feb. 23 - Submarine Sandwich, potato chips, jello w/fruit, yellow cake, milk.

Mond., Feb. 26 - Sausage, whipped potatoes, baked apples, green beans, biscuits, milk

Tues., Feb. 27 - Barbeque, french fries, corn on cob, gingerbread, buns, milk

Wed., Feb. 28 - Bologna, candied sweet potatoes, turnip greens, brownie, rolls, butter, milk

Thurs., Mar. 1 - Ravioli, green beans, potato rounds, yellow cake, sliced bread, milk

Fri., Mar. 2 - Tomato soup w/crackers, hot dogs, fruit, cookies, milk.

Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending February 11, 1979.

Albermarle	5,584.35
Amelia	1,014.97
Amherst	3,331.38
Appomattox	4,076.79
Bedford County	1,528.50
Buckingham	12,179.72
Campbell	8,955.88
Charlotte	2,131.37
Cumberland	2,636.55
	1,476.90
Fluvanna	583.87
Franklin County	572.87
Mecklenburg	491.48
Nelson	1,722.79
Powhatan	979.37
Prince Edward	6,076.96
Prince William	894.96
Rockbridge	293.54
Rockingham	1,003.75
Total	55,536.00

*We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties, as well.

BROWNIE TROOP HELD INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Brownie Troop 308 held its Investituture Ceremony Wednesday, February 14, at Appomattox Primary School.

Eighteen girls were inducted and received their pins.

Parents were present and a reception followed.

Thanks to Troop Leaders, Shelby Paulette and Sandra Elder and to Ruby Roach, Publicity Chairman.

CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES BEING HELD AT OAKVILLE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church is now holding services each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. at the Oakville School building.

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